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SUBJ: UNFICYP REDUCTIONS: TURKEY "CATEGORICALLY OPPOSED"

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SUMMARY: GOT BELIEVES THAT, IN VIEW OF TROUBLED CONDITIONS
IN CYPRUS, NOW IS NOT THE TIME FOR ECONOMIES IN UNFICYP.
END SUMMARY.

1. ON MAY 16 EMBOFF CALLED ON MFA CYPRUS-GREECE DIRECTOR
BARUTCU AND SET FORTH REATIONALE OF U.S. EFFORT ON BEHALF OF
UNFICYP REDUCTION, DRAWING ON REF B AND STRESSING U.S.
CONCERN WITH NEED FOR PLACING UNFICYP ON SOUNDER BASIS FOR
LONG TERM THROUGH ECONOMIES AND REORGANIZATION. EMBOFF
ASSURED BARUTCU THAT U.S. WAS NOT ADVOCATING REDUCTION AS
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MEANS OF PUTTING PRESSURE ON GOT OR TURKISH CYPRIOTS TO COME

TO TERMS WITH GOC.

2. BARUTCU SAID HE APPRECIATED THIS EXPOSITION; HOWEVER, GOT WAS "CATEGORICALLY OPPOSED" TO UNFICYP REDUCTIONS AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF INCREASED LEVEL OF TENSION IN CYPRUS. HE OBSERVED THAT RECENT INCIDENT AT AYIA IRINI COULD HAVE RESULTED IN "MAJOR CONFRONTATION" IF THERE HAD BEEN "ONLY ONE DRUNK IN THE COFFEE HOUSE" TO REACT TO NATIONAL GUARD PROVOCATIONS. REDUCTION OF UNFICYP WOULD ONLY ENCOURAGE THOSE ON GREEK SIDE IN CYPRUS WHO WANT TO MAKE TROUBLE, HE SAID.

3. HOWEVER, BARUTCU SAID, HE APPRECIATED EXPLANATION OF U.S. POSITION AND OUR ASSURANCE REGARDING PRESSURE FOR SETTLEMENT. HE ADDED THAT GOT WAS NOT OPPOSED TO UNFICYP REDUCTIONS PER SE. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF INTERRUPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS AND RECENT INCIDENTS ON ISLAND, UNSYG HARDLY COULD ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR RECOMMENDING FORCE REDUCTIONS, AND TURKEY THUS WOULD NOT BE ALONE IN OPPOSING REDUCTIONS.
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